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**Transmittal Letter**

**New Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-identified new utility patent application.

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1. This Transmittal Form including Fee Authorization and a duplicate for fee processing.
2. A Specification having a total of Forty-four (44) pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and Twenty-three (23) claims.
3. Five (5) sheets of drawings.
4. And, if indicated:
  - A preliminary amendment.
  - An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of the documents (excluding pending applications) cited therein. Pending applications are recited on a separate sheet to avoid their being printed on the face of any patent issuing herefrom.
  - A Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2) (B)(i).

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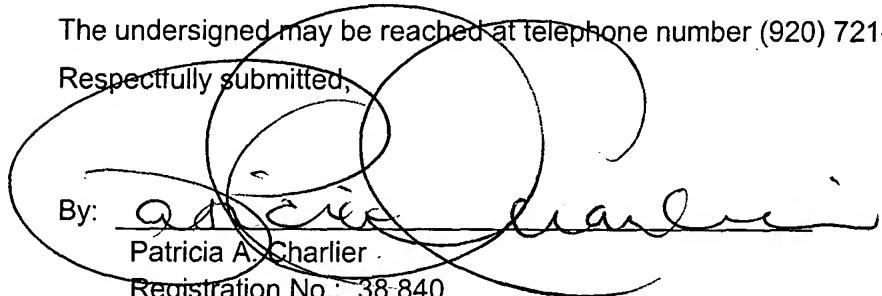
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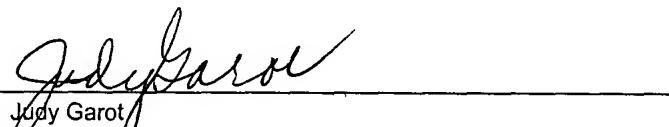
  
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